

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

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Tuesday, 6 March 2012

5113. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

With reference to the functions of the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) and the specialist anthropologist, I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister table a list of all the specialist anthropologist who have served in this function on the ACMC since this Government came to power?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of all the service periods for the specialist anthropologist for the period outlined in answer to (1) above?
- (3) Will the Minister provide the reasons given for the specialist anthropologist leaving this function on the ACMC?
- (4) On what dates and by what method were expressions of interest sought by the Department for Indigenous Affairs for specialist anthropologist to fill the vacant positions?
- (5) How many applications were made on each occasion a vacancy occurred?
- (6) Where any of those applications in (5), not successful and why?
- (7) Where specific specialist anthropologist sought from the Universities of Western Australia?
- (8) If yes to (7), how were these sought?
- (9) Will the Minister table a list of specialist anthropologist sought from the Universities of Western Australia?
- (10) If yes to (8) and (9), why did those specialist anthropologist decline the invitations?

Answer

(1-2) April 2008 to May 2009 – Mr Michael Robinson;
July 2009 to July 2010 – Mr Kado Muir; and
December 2011 to present – Mr Michael Robinson.

(3) Messrs Robinson and Muir tendered their resignations on 6 May 2009 and 23 July 2010 respectively.

(4-6) In May 2009, the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites consulted with the University of Western Australia and Curtin University about suitable candidates to fill the specialist anthropologist position.

Of a panel of seven suitable candidates, five declined to be considered. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs then selected one of the two remaining candidates, Mr Kado Muir, for appointment.

On 2 March 2011 and 6 April 2011, an advertisement was placed in *The West Australian* newspaper calling for expressions of interest for membership of the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee, including the specialist anthropologist position.

The Registrar also consulted with relevant tertiary institutions.

Three applications for the specialist anthropologist position were received and put to the Minister for consideration.

Mr Daniel Bruckner was subsequently appointed as specialist anthropologist in September 2011, however, he did not accept the position.

Mr Michael Robinson, the deputy specialist anthropologist, was appointed to the position of specialist anthropologist in January 2012.

(7) No

(8-10) Not applicable.



Minister for Indigenous Affairs